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The Honorable
The Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

We have reviewed the report submitted to the Congress in March 1955 by the Committee on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, concerning legal services and procedure. A large part of this report, particularly that portion discussing the military agencies and administrative procedures, has no impact on this Agency. Taking those recommendations which appear to have none bearing on us, we submit the following comments:

The following paragraphs contain comments on certain recommendations

Insofar as they bear on the matters discussed above, we subscribe generally to the separate statement of Commissioner Chet Holifield, beginning on page 97 of the report. In addition, we believe the distinction in function between the Department of Justice and the agencies' and departments' staffs should be emphasized. We believe the Attorney General, as stated above, is the Chief Law Officer of the Executive Branch and that the attorneys in the Department of Justice under him are the lawyers on general matters for all departments and agencies, but just as corporations retain lawyers on general matters, the great majority of them require house counsel for internal affairs and legal problems peculiar to the particular organization involved.

Sincerely yours,

L. K. White
Deputy Director

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